PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes, a regular meeting of the Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board was held on July 16, 2014 in Room 240 of the Brown County Courthouse, 100 S. Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Judge Walsh, Larry Malcomson, Judge Zuidmulder, Pat Evans, Tom Molitor, Jeremy Kral,

David Lasee, Sheriff Gossage, Troy Streckenbach

Citizen Reps: Tim Mc Nulty

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Walsh at 8:00 a.m.

2. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Troy Streckenbach, seconded by Tim Mc Nulty to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approve/modify minutes of June 18, 2014.

Motion made by Dave Lasee, seconded by Troy Streckenbach to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. TAD Grant (David Lasee).

District Attorney David Lasee felt it needed to be stressed to this Board that this needs to be a working body that makes decisions as to how to utilize the grant. Lasee indicated that he had met recently with Human Services Director Jeremy Kral and Judge Zuidmulder to discuss where they would like to go with the TAD position and they were all in agreement to move forward. It is the intent to have the TAD Coordinator, which would be a supervisory position, monitor the grant and work with this Board to discuss the issues of programming as well as higher level issues. Under the TAD Coordinator would be several case workers doing case management of individuals involved in the treatment courts. There would also be a contract screener position that would work within the grant and this Board would choose the nature of the screens. Once the TAD Coordinator position gets filled, these other decisions can be made and positions filled. Lasee indicated he felt they were on task. Kral indicated that the TAD Coordinator position will be brought forward to the Human Services Committee for approval and then move on to the Executive Committee and then to the full Board.

Judge Zuidmulder further explained the TAD grant and stated that the purpose of the grant was treatment, alternatives and diversion. He continued that these areas should all be working together as they have the same mission of reducing costs to the County and reducing the number of people in the County Jail. The idea of the TAD grant is to look at alternatives to reduce costs. Part of what the Drug Court Coordinator did prior to this grant was screen people to find out where they belong. As soon as Lasee and Zuidmulder discussed the grant, it occurred that the whole treatment court structure should be examined and they determined that they really need case workers to work with these people. It was further noted that a case worker position is less costly than the Drug Court Coordinator position. Zuidmulder indicated that he will be appearing at the Human Services meeting next week to explain this to them. He indicated that his hope was to get everything in place to get this going in the September timeframe.

Judge Zuidmulder continued that he has taken a few heroin individuals into the regular Drug Court; however, this has not been successful as these people have such a great problem that as soon as they get out of jail they take off. He continued that Marinette has a program with a lot of state money and they are looking at having a pre-treatment phase in their heroin program so they do not take people from jail and try to put them back in the community without treatment.

Evans asked about the pre-treatment. Judge Zuidmulder stated that offenders are convicted of a felony and the Judges order presentence investigations which take about 60 days. During that time, the defendants are in custody. It is his understanding that when these people are released from jail, one of the conditions of bond is to get them into a treatment program. Judge Zuidmulder recently spoke with the Marinette Coordinator and was advised that this treatment does not occur in a locked facility. Judge Zuidmulder indicated that before he actually takes people in to the Heroin Court, treatment should be required to see whether or not they are an appropriate candidate for Heroin Court.

County Executive Troy Streckenbach indicated that he had recently heard of some sort of drug that may be used to cure heroin addiction. Judge Zuidmulder responded that there is methadone, but there is some debate as to whether that is actually a cure or if it is simply substituting the addiction for a different drug. Streckenbach then asked where Marinette got their money for treatment. Lasee responded that Marinette received money the first time the grant was offered and he also noted that the Marinette population of heroin addicts is probably smaller than the number of addicts in Brown County. Judge Zuidmulder also stated that it would be part of the screening process to find out if individuals have private insurance that could be used to pay for treatment. This would allow more individuals to obtain treatment if some have insurance.

5. Treatment courts including Heroin Court (Judge Zuidmulder).

With regard to the Heroin Court, Judge Zuidmulder stated that he is currently working with Kral and Lasee as to the restructuring of the personnel. Once that has been worked out, the people will be put in place and he hopes to have this done within the next month. Following that, Zuidmulder felt they would be able to start taking participants shortly thereafter.

Judge Walsh indicated that he will send an e-mail out to the entire committee urging their attendance in light of all of the developments going on.

A discussion was held regarding the approval of the TAD Grant Coordinator position and it was indicated that hopefully the position would receive final approval from the County Board on August 20. Thereafter the position would be posted and hopefully filled swiftly.

Streckenbach stated that he was aware of a committee formed by the State legislature to monitor the TAD grants and he asked if anyone from this Board will be on that committee. Kral indicated that it is in the job duties of the TAD Coordinator position to satisfy the requirements. Lasee stated his understanding is that the State intends to be very hands-on with the counties that receive the grants to help ensure success. There is a body down at the State who monitors these grants on a full-time basis and there will also be a record keeping component to this which will fall on the TAD Coordinator.

Judge Walsh asked what Lasee was looking for from this Board in the future with regard to the TAD grant. Lasee stated that the first priority would be to get the Coordinator in place. He felt the Board also needs to make a decision as to who to use for a contract screener and what type of screening tools they wish to use to determine eligibility for Treatment Courts. A decision also needs to be made as to what options are going to be used for the diversion program and what service providers will be used. Lasee noted that the cost of this diversion is typically paid by the defendant. Lasee felt that presentations from different groups that may offer services, such as My Brothers Keeper and Family Services, may be helpful to this Board so that everyone is aware of the services out there and where the best place may be to place offenders. Lasee would like to see this happen in the next several months. Judge Zuidmulder also felt it may be helpful to have other counties that have already received the grants and have their programs up and running come and speak to this Board. Lasee stated that he does have information from some other Counties but he does not have what is available in our community for treatment. He needs to know what programming exists and noted that several area counties all use the same services so it would be helpful to touch base with them. Kral also stated that his department would have information on what providers are out there as well. Lasee stated that perhaps communicating with service providers is something that TAD Grant Coordinator could do.

A discussion was held as to when to hold the next meeting and September 17, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. was selected. The location of the meeting was tentatively set as the District Attorney's office.

Motion made by Pat Evans, seconded by Dave Lasee to receive and place on file Items 4 and 5. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Jail Usage – task list from prior meetings.

Nothing was added to the discussion on Item 6 that had not been discussed above.

Motion made by Pat Evans, seconded by Dave Lasee to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Adjourn.

Judge Zuidmulder noted that he attends all of the meetings of this Board and would like to formally be part of the Board. A discussion was held in this regard.

Motion made by Pat Evans, seconded by Troy Streckenbach to adjourn at 8:32 am. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIOMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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